



Abstract of the Disclosure

Novel compounds are described. The compounds generally comprise  
5 an acidic group, a basic group, a substituted amino or N-acyl and a group  
having an optionally hydroxylated alkane moiety. Pharmaceutical  
compositions comprising the inhibitors of the invention are also described.  
Methods of inhibiting neuraminidase in samples suspected of containing  
10 neuraminidase are also described. Antigenic materials, polymers, antibodies,  
conjugates of the compounds of the invention with labels, and assay methods  
for detecting neuraminidase activity are also described.